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Applicant(s): Eric T. Baldwin et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/896,580 )  
Confirmation No.: 7868 )  
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Examiner: Unknown

For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS*  
PEPTIDE DEFORMYLASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,550, filed June 30, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,555, filed June 30, 2000, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

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